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Parents upset at center

By Jason Hall

Western's Campus Child Care is under investigation following allegations by some parents and former employees that the center failed to report suspected abuse.

Kim Saylor Brannock, a communications officer with the Cabinet for Health Services, said the Kentucky Licensing and Regulations Board is investigating the center for three pending issues, but she would not release any details.

The incidents the parents and former teachers are concerned about involve one child in the center abusing another child, said Janet Bryant, a member of the center's Parent Action committee.

The alleged abuse included kicking, choking and sexual assaults, she said.

But Colleen Mendel, director of the Training and Technical Assistance Program, which oversees Campus Child Care, said the center's staff reports everything it believes to be neglect or abuse to the Department of Social Services.

"There have been no accusations made against staff in the child care center," she said. "A 4-year-old cannot abuse another 4-year-old ... We're not talking about abuse."

Charlotte Lea, a former mental

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Movie a no-show in DUC

By Jason Hall

Western administrators have decided not to give students the chance to view the controversial film "Showgirls" next week.

The movie, which received an NC-17 rating, was deemed "unsuitable" for a college theater, Student Activities Coordinator Scott Taylor said.

"It was a movie that was recommended, but we decided it was inappropriate," he said.

Administrators in the Student Affairs department, along with Taylor, made the decision to pull the film after viewing it.

◆ **'Showgirls'**
can be rented
at local video
stores.

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Juggling act



Four-year-old Taylor giggles as his mother, Tasha Childers, dresses him for school Monday morning. The Bowling Green senior usually brings her son to Western's Campus Child Care before she goes to classes. **More photos, Page 7.**

◆ Going to class is one of the least of single parents' worries

Organization is the way Bowling Green junior Jennifer Morgan does everything.

"I schedule my entire day with a calendar that has time blocks on it," she said. "I even schedule visits with friends by putting it on my calendar. I live by my calendar."

Morgan, 27, is an elementary education major and the mother of 7-year-old Carrie and 4-year-old Adam. She also works at Campus Child Care.

Juggling classes, homework and jobs is something many Western students face. For single parents like Morgan, the added care of children takes extra time out of an already busy schedule.

"I've never had to take my children to class with me," she said. "I've taken them to the library and they love it. Their favorite thing to do is ride up and down on the elevator."

Not only does Morgan have her own homework to do, but she also helps Carrie, who is a student at McNeil Elementary.

"She does her homework after supper," Morgan said. "They usually go to bed early and then I have time to myself."

Many student parents, such as Bowling Green senior Tasha Childers, can identify with Morgan.

"Sometimes going to school is rough when you're a parent," Childers said. "Having family in town makes all the difference. If I need a babysitter, they're always there."

Childers, 23, who works at The Olive Garden on Scottsville Road, said she learned time management in a psychology class.

"He goes over to Jones-Jagers during the day and likes to tell people that he goes to little college and I go to big college."

— **Scarlett Grady**
Bowling Green
graduate student

"It was a class on personal development that I took soon after my son was born," she said. "We had to make out a schedule of all of our activities and allow time for ourselves. Since then, I have been doing that. I make a schedule and give myself time for family and myself alongside work and classes."

Childers said she hasn't run into any real problems with getting homework assignments done.

"I usually do it the day it is

assigned," she said. "Otherwise it doesn't get done."

Childers said the biggest problem with homework is finding a babysitter when she has to use a computer.

"I don't have a computer and I have to get a sitter so I can go to the computer lab," she said. "It's a real hassle sometimes."

Childers took her 4-year-old son, Taylor, to class with her before he started going to school during the day.

"He used to always ask to go with me, but he never sat still," she said.

Childers said Taylor likes to go to the Education Resource Center in Tate Page Hall because there are so many children's books.

"I'm an elementary education major so I'm over there a lot," she said.

Bowling Green graduate student Scarlett Grady said her son, 4-year-old Tanner, is also a "real campus baby."

"He's been to registration with me, and I've held him in my lap while I studied," she said. "He goes over to Jones-Jagers during the day and likes to tell people he goes to the little college and I go to the big college."

Grady said she has taken Tanner almost everywhere on campus and the only place he doesn't like is the library.

"He doesn't like it because he has to be quiet there," she said.

STORY BY BETH FLANAGAN ◆ PHOTO BY JASON KOSKI

Governor

Paul Patton says higher education needs to become more efficient.

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Rodes-Harlin

Students in dorm don't want janitor to be moved.

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Lady Toppers

Dawn Warner's double-double leads women's 99-54 win.

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♦ Just a second

Vandalism reported in Egypt lot

Ten cars were broken into Thursday morning in Egypt lot, Campus Police Officer Audrey Spies said.

A campus police officer drove through the lot around 3:30 a.m., and when he returned around 7:15 a.m., he noticed windows broken out of several cars, Spies said.

Owners of the cars were notified and asked to report anything missing, she said.

Police are still investigating the break-in.

ROTC looking for a few good pints

Western's military science department is sponsoring a blood drive today.

Members from the American Red Cross will be set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Diddle Arena, Room 112.

Participants will receive a free T-shirt, Maj. Roy Henson said.

Last fall the department collected about 70 pints of blood. Henson said he expects as much or more this year.

Cadets are not required to give blood, but they are encouraged, he said.

It's voluntary for anyone, he said.

♦ Campus line

Women in Transition holds a membership meeting and pot luck luncheon from 11 to 3 today in Garrett Center, Room 102. For more information, contact Millie Jessup at 745-4554.

Paradigm Financial Services sponsors "The Tough Decision," a seminar about pensions, at 7 tonight at the Institute for Economic Development. For more information, contact Chris at 842-8325.

New Lambda Society meets at 8 tonight in Downing University Center, Room 308. For more information, contact Jimmy at 796-1878 or Jerry at 782-8234.

Young Democrats meets at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in DUC, Room 308. For more information, contact Scott Sivley at 793-9656.

Outdoor Adventure Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in DUC, Room 230. For more information, contact Carston Shanklin at 745-5216.

Chess club meets at 6 p.m. Mondays in DUC, fourth floor. For more information, contact Chris Dillingham at 782-6349 or Wieb van der Meer at 745-4052 or 746-0434.

Men's Volleyball Club meets Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the Preston Health and Activities Center. For more information, contact Carston Shanklin at 745-6060.

University Center Board hosts an interest meeting at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in DUC, Room 330. For more information, contact Darlene Lodmell at 745-0928.

♦ Clearing the air

Nashville senior Rachel Parrish was incorrectly quoted in Thursday's Herald. The quotes attributed to Parrish belong to Kara Bradley, a junior from Brentwood, Tenn.



photo by Mike Sweeney

Hand jive: During their Basic Techniques of Acting Class, Brooke Bennis, a freshman from Greenwood, Ind., Southland freshman Kelly Koomler, and Bowling Green junior Jason Hays practice shaping invisible forms last Thursday in front of Gordon Wilson Hall.

♦ For the record/crime reports

Reports

♦ Lena Ruth Vaughn, Central Hall, reported three textbooks, valued at \$98.60, stolen Jan. 17 from her room.

♦ Tiffany Simmons, Old Morgantown Road, reported her purse, valued at \$140, stolen Jan. 17 from Grise Hall.

♦ A Central Hall resident reported receiving harassing phone calls on Jan. 17 and 18.

Arrests

♦ Cortez Murray, Kentucky Street, was arrested Jan. 10 and charged with third-degree criminal trespassing. He was released

the next day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a court order.

♦ Tracy Poynter, Wellington Way, was arrested Jan. 11 and charged with possession of marijuana. She was released the next day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a court order.

♦ Donald Sauer, Homestead Point, was arrested Jan. 11 and charged with possession of marijuana. He was released the next day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 cash.

♦ Adam Pelton, Keen Hall, was arrested Jan. 11 and charged with possession of marijuana. He

was released the next day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a court order.

♦ Wesley Wright, Keen Hall, was arrested Jan. 11 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released the next day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a court order.

♦ Erica Hampton, Central Hall, was arrested Jan. 13 and charged with two counts of second-degree forgery and criminal possession of a forged instrument. She was released the same day from the Warren County Regional Jail on a \$500 bond.

President for a Day contest

Buy a chance from 10:30 - 1:00
on Monday, Jan. 22 through
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Patton 'holding out carrot' to higher education

◆ **Colleges and universities received less money for 1995-96 than they did for 1991-92**

BY MELISSA GAGLIARDI

FRANKFORT—Higher education will have to become more efficient if it wants to see a budget increase, Paul Patton, the self-proclaimed "higher education governor," said yesterday.

"We have very, very finite resources," Patton said. "Our challenge is to do what we can with those resources ... I'm unwilling to put more money into the system as it is."

Patton spoke to state higher education leaders at yesterday's Council of Higher Education meeting.

President Thomas Meredith said Patton is "holding out the

carrot."

"He's going to fund positive initiatives, and we can operate on that good faith," Meredith said.

Patton has recommended a 3 percent funding increase for higher education rather than the proposed 7 percent, Meredith said.

"Kentucky's budget is \$70 million out of balance, and he had to do something to get it back in line before he can give out more money," Meredith said. "We were obviously disappointed ... but we will be a top priority for next year. I'm excited about finally being the top priority in the state."

Higher education received less money for 1995-96 than it did in 1991-92, a situation that left way for "creativity," Meredith said.

"We've been regulating what we've been doing," he said. "We

protected the classroom, but the rest of the campus has had to suffer."

Owensboro graduate student Rob Evans said that although Patton may not be able to offer higher education the budget increase they'd like to see, it appears it's still a priority.

"Other programs may not receive even a 3 percent increase," the CHE student representative said.

Evans said he's satisfied with Patton's verbal dedication to higher education, but his true performance will come down to his funding decisions.

Former Western president Kern Alexander, president of Murray State University, said he was impressed with Patton's willingness to listen to their concerns.

"I'm just pleased he's working with us on those solutions," he said.

Patton said Kentucky's higher education system should serve the people and businesses of Kentucky, not themselves.

Higher education needs to restructure to keep up with changing technology, he said.

For example, videotaped classroom lectures would keep professors from repeating themselves and would better fit non-traditional students' schedules, he said.

Patton also suggested the best professor on a given subject teach a consortium of schools through teleconferencing.

Though he admitted some of his ideas may seem "wild," by going beyond the conventional ways of thinking, "we may come out with a wild idea that has some merit."

CHE members discussed with Patton some of the problems facing higher education.

CHE member James Miller

said money could be stretched further if they could prevent unnecessary duplication.

But it will be difficult eliminating programs without a central authority, CHE member Joe Bill Campbell said.

"The lack of a central authority over higher education has left us fragmented," Campbell said.

CHE member J. David Porter said capital construction buildings given as gifts to campuses suffer deferred maintenance and there is no way to determine future costs of such buildings.

One authority should be in charge of managing those expenditures, Porter said.

CHE Chief Executive Gary Cox said Patton has challenged higher education and will do more for them only if they respond.

"In a sense, he's laid the gauntlet," Cox said. "I think higher education will respond."

Kentucky universities receive failing grades, report says

BY MELISSA GAGLIARDI

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's college graduates might make the grades, but they're not impressing their employers.

The state's universities and colleges have "lost touch with the full needs of business and industry today" and fail to teach graduates new technological advances, according to the 1995 Annual Accountability Report Series of Kentucky Higher Education.

The Council for Higher Education's executive committee met Sunday to discuss ways to make higher education more responsive to employers.

Information from focus groups showed that Kentucky's universities "need to do a better job," CHE member Roger

Sugarman said.

"All of the universities should try to address some of the deficiencies addressed by the focus groups," he said.

James Wilhelm, of Horizon Research International in Louisville, said the focus groups, made up of 61 business executives, represented a diverse selection of large and small firms across the state.

Wilhelm said that although they "looked hard for major differences, what we learned was strikingly similar across the state."

Grades don't mean as much to employers as some personality traits, Wilhelm said.

"They will bypass a magna cum laude graduate for one who will get in the trenches and work

from the bottom up," he said.

Technology has dramatically changed what employers are looking for in graduates. Industry is the customer of higher education,

"You can't teach a course on how to think."

— Gary Cox
CHE Chief Executive

and will struggle without quality workers, Wilhelm said.

Graduates lack people skills, decision-making and listening skills, self-confidence and motivation, and the ability to do basic math, he said.

"The list went on and on,"

Wilhelm said. "They recognized it's a tall order."

CHE Chief Executive Gary Cox said the information is meaningful, though he's not sure how to deal with it.

"The issues on their minds are the most difficult to get at," he said, noting that employers want intangible skills that are difficult to build into a curriculum.

"You can't teach a course on how to think," Cox said.

The intent of the focus groups was not to bash higher education but to address its shortcomings, Cox said. "It's advice on how to take what's a good product and make it stronger," he said.

Cox said he plans to share the information with chief academic officers so they can plan ways to fix the problems.

Another continuing concern is the large number of students enrolled in remedial math courses, of which only six out of 10 pass, Sugarman said.

President Thomas Meredith said his "Moving to a New Level" plan will help Western meet demands for greater quality and change, though the results won't be immediately reflected in accountability reports.

"If you break down that survey, we would fare better than the overall picture," Meredith said.

Owensboro graduate student Rob Evans said New Level is only one facet of improving education at Western.

"If we're not preparing our graduates for the real world, we're not doing our job," said Evans, CHE student representative.

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Opinion



Righteousness should not be legislated

Mayor Eldon Renaud shouldn't spend his time legislating morality.

The Bowling Green city commissioners should be commended for standing firm in their fight against the repeal of the extended Sunday alcohol sales ordinance. The commission voted 4-1 last week on Renaud's attempt to overturn the law, but chances are they haven't heard the end of the debate.

If the law were to be repealed, it wouldn't be fair to the citizens of Bowling Green, but it also wouldn't be fair to the 12 restaurants that have a Sunday license. The convention centers can sell alcohol on Sunday regardless of Bowling Green's law because they are governed by state law.

The mayor said he expects the extended alcohol sales ordinance to be repealed next year when new commissioners are elected.

What a scary thought — a City Commission filled with a bunch of religious fanatics. After Renaud gets the liquor ordinance repealed is he going to pass a law that everyone go to church on Sundays?

A commission of five religious conservatives would be very detrimental and would undoubtedly be a challenge to the separation of church and state. We don't live in Iran, a country where religion is the law.

Then where would Renaud stop —

there might not be alcohol sales on Sunday at all.

On that point, some discussion has centered around the possibility of an

increase in DUIs as a result of Sunday sales.

But if people think they're safe just

because it's Sunday and it's illegal to purchase alcohol in their hometowns, they're being naive.

According to a recently released report, Clinton County was ranked as having the most DUI arrests per capita in 1994.

This is an interesting fact considering Clinton County is dry.

If Sunday alcohol sales were out-

lawed, people would still find places to get it. And it would be rather expensive to get a cab home from Nashville or Louisville, so they'd drive drunk.

People should be responsible enough to take care of themselves and make decisions on their own.

If we want to drink, we should be able to.

We wait 21 years to be given the right to legally drink, so don't tell us when we can or can't do it once we are of age.

It seems the people in opposition of the ordinance feel it's blasphemous to drink on Sundays.

What do they think, that people will go to hell for alcoholic consumption? It's not like Jesus didn't drink wine.

- ♦ **The Issue:** Mayor Eldon Renaud wants to repeal alcohol ordinance.
- ♦ **Our view:** Government is not responsible for saving souls.

♦ Letters to the editor/editor's hotline

SGA doing good job with trees

I am writing in response to the Dec. 5, 1995 article "SGA trees live as remembrances." I must say that it is a wonderful idea for the student government to remember the students and faculty who are deceased by planting a tree in their honor.

This subject is close to my heart because one of the trees will be named for my best friend, Melanie M. Smith. Melanie was a nursing student at Western. She died tragically in a



car accident almost two years ago.

It is nice to know that not only will I always remember her, but every student who sits under her tree will know her name.

Thank you SGA for caring and showing compassion for fellow students.

Kristie Nunn Smith
Glasgow campus library

Be wary of credit card use, abuse

I can't thank you enough for your front page Jan. 11 article on credit card abuse, in that this is a very valid issue among people our age today. I, too, am one of many self-made "victims" of irresponsible credit use. It is so important for young adults to

realize what they are getting themselves into when applying for credit cards.

One cannot go into it with the assumption that they will use the cards for "emergency purposes only," because once you begin to spend money that you don't have, it is almost impossible to stop. Before you know it, you are unable to pay off the debts that you were sure you could handle in the first place. After a while, you may find yourself having built up a terrible credit rating that will stay with you forever, and that will affect your ability to obtain loans or to purchase property or automobiles in your future.

Many college students do not realize when they fill out an application and receive a free T-shirt or two liter that the situa-

tion they are about to put themselves in can and will affect them in the most negative of ways.

For many, spending becomes an addiction. An addiction that is just as bad as alcoholism or drug abuse. Take it from me. I owe a substantial amount of money myself, and I do admit that I have a serious spending problem. I am still paying off debts from four years ago, and I will continue to pay for a long time.

So, to my fellow Western students, please, please, please be wary of credit cards. Keep yourself informed on how to handle your money without having to resort to using money that is not yours in the first place. The thought may be appealing at first, but the credit card companies don't tell you that, often

times, you will end up spending twice as much once interest rates go up, as they always will.

Keep in mind that if you can't afford it without having to resort to these measures, it wasn't meant to be yours anyway. If you do have a problem, please seek help. There are places such as Debtors Anonymous that can help you control your spending problem, and there are places right here in Bowling Green such as the Consumer Credit Counseling Service that can help you establish a budget and contact your creditors to make out payment plans that will fit with what you are able to spend.

Be careful, be wise, and please be responsible. Credit cards can be evil. Watch out.

Corie L. Morell
Nashville senior

People poll

♦ How do you feel about the sale of alcohol on Sunday?



"It's not right... Church is a sacred thing. You shouldn't drink on Sunday."

Kalisha Radford,
Hopkinsville
freshman



"I disagree with it. I just think it's an extra day that minors can buy if the premises are selling to them."

Linda Keene,
Bowling Green
sophomore



"I don't see any reason to repeal it. I've never really agreed with the idea that alcohol should be prohibited one day of the week."

Nathan Love,
French associate
professor



"I feel that Sunday alcohol sales should be prohibited because many people consider that a day of peace and worship."

Korisa Ballou,
Monticello
sophomore



"I don't have a problem with it, but I can't drink anyway so it doesn't bother me that much."

Wade Cox,
Frankfort
junior

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Forum

King's dream of unity still not fulfilled

I have a dream. It is around this time of the year that those four words take on a special meaning.

With the passing of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and the coming of Black History Month in February, race relations once again become the topic of discussion.

The question before us now is are we going forward or backward in terms of race relations.

The answer is an ugly truth that all of us must face.

I have a dream.

When I interned as a reporter in Nashville, I had the opportunity to interview Lawrence Otis Graham, an African-American corporate attorney from Manhattan, who went undercover as a busboy at the Greenwich Country Club in Greenwich, Conn.

This country club is one of the most well-known in the nation. Its membership includes former President Gerald Ford, former

baseball star Tom Seaver, and several Fortune 500 company executives.

Unfortunately, as Graham found out, it also boasts some serious racial prejudices.

The servants quarters, which mostly housed African- and Mexican-Americans, was "affectionately" called "The Monkey House."

Graham also had to endure several racial slurs during his time there.

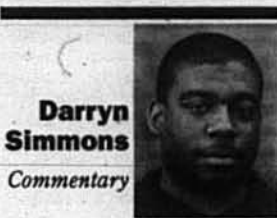
He wrote about his experiences at the country club in his book "Member of the Club: Reflections on Life in a Racially Polarized World" and it will be made into a movie starring Denzel Washington.

I have a dream.

Reggie White, a defensive end for the Green Bay Packers, had to worry about more than the Dallas Cowboys before the NFC championship.

White, an ordained minister, also had to deal with his church

in Knoxville, Tenn., being fire-bombed the week of the game against Dallas.



Darryn Simmons
Commentary

The culprits painted obscene racial slurs on the side of the church after firebombing it.

Green Bay ended up losing the game.

I have a dream.

A Massachusetts high school principal noticed a trend in his high school early last year.

Many white students began to wear ND (Notre Dame) caps, while African-American stu-

dents began to wear UNLV (University of Nevada-Las Vegas) ones.

The principal discovered a disturbing reason for this.

Some of the white students claimed to be wearing the ND caps to send a hate message: Niggers Die.

The African-American students reacted with the caps that said UNLV: Us Niggers Love Violence.

Richard Lapchick, director of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport and Society, said he tells this story all across the country, and half the time people tell him the same thing is going on there.

I have a dream.

A man, Michael Westerman, in Todd County is murdered after driving in his truck with a confederate flag waving in the

back. Two of the three men involved in the shooting of Westerman are found guilty.

All three men were African-American.

I don't condone the murder of anyone for any reason, but the flying of a Confederate flag anywhere there are African-Americans shows a serious lapse in judgment.

I have a dream.

All of these incidents make one wonder: have we come very far since the days of Martin and Malcolm?

I really don't know. All I can do is recite the words of Dr. King: I have a dream.

Then I pray that someday soon, we will all come together and live that dream.

Because, right now, we're real close to living a nightmare.

Editor's Note: Darryn Simmons is a junior print journalism major from Louisville.



Personal security hard to guarantee

A department head was in his office talking to a student. Their conversation turned to a mutual acquaintance. The department head, with a few flicks to the keyboard of his computer, called up their acquaintance's schedule and told it to the student he was with.

I called Registrar Freida Eggleton about it and she said there is a law that is supposed to protect student information. It is called the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Eggleton said people are only supposed to access that kind of information, such as your schedule, for a "legitimate educational need to know."

Surprise, surprise — not everyone upholds the law.

So here's a scenario. Someone who is upset with you wants to beat you up after a night class. That person goes to a friend who is a student worker and asks him to call up your schedule.

The student worker, being a good friend, does this when his supervisor isn't around. Then, in this scenario, you get jumped in the dark.

But in another scenario it could be me, or my girlfriend ... or your sister.

Eggleton said supervisors are responsible for student workers and the law depends on the integrity of the individuals who have access to your information, which also includes transcript data, birthday, Social Security number and race.

But as in the situation of the department head, even the supervisors don't have a lot of integrity.

For instance, I heard about a professor who told a class that he was so disgusted with a student's essay test that he looked up that student's English grades for the last three years.

The professor said he couldn't understand how a student who got A's for three years could write so poorly. A student stood up in the class and said, "Maybe the writer has

dyslexia and does poorly when he's nervous."

Taken a step farther, let's say two students are applying for the same job. There is the potential that a professor can look at both students' transcripts, and then tell their favorite one to play up their GPA or difficulty of classes based on the other's record.

Not to pick on student workers again, but someone could just ask their friend who works in an office to get a job rival's grades or transcript.

Think about that when you're waiting for that interview.

Or will you be too worried that the jerk you smarted off to in Downing University Center might know when and where you're getting out of that 8 o'clock class? Or that some stalker might know when to wait behind the bushes for your girlfriend?

You should be.

Editor's Note: Matthew Tungate is a senior print journalism major from Louisville.

Matthew Tungate
Commentary



HIStory. Life's ironic times can be helpful

Have you ever stopped to smell the flowers only to have a bumble bee do the conga on your nose?

Have you ever been in a hurry to get somewhere on time only to end up behind someone's grandmother driving in the middle of the road in a mint green LTD going eight miles per hour?

Have you ever prepared for your first date and realized that you have chapped lips? I know this is not that bad, but when you accidentally grab the Ora-gel instead of the Blistex out of the medicine cabinet, that can be very bad.

I went through the rest of the night speaking like Mushmouth from those old "Fat Albert" cartoons.

Irony. You've got to love it. It is God's way of not letting us get the proverbial "big head."

Webster's Dictionary describes irony as a literary device for conveying meaning by saying the opposite of what is really meant. That's true, but it is just as prevalent in real life.

There is a simpler explanation, though it is the brick wall in the fog — you don't see it until you run into it, usually

face first. Our lives are full of events that seem to go in the opposite direction we thought

they would.

For the majority of my life, I didn't give any consideration to the great mystery of irony in everyday life, but while reading the newspaper one afternoon last year I changed my way of thinking completely.

A man held his ex-wife and her boyfriend at gunpoint for more than two hours. After two hours he made up his mind to shoot the boyfriend and take the girlfriend hostage on a cross-country crime spree.

Slowly he aimed his gun at the boyfriend's face and fired. The bullet ricocheted off of the

boyfriend's jaw bone and hit the shooter in the chest, killing him.

After reading that, I was a true believer in irony — what goes around comes around, strange luck, whatever you call it. Strange things happen to alter our course.

Sometimes for good, sometimes for bad, but either way there is often a reason.

The examples of the bee, the old driver, and the numb lips have all happened to me.

When I was younger I stepped all over my grandmother's flowers so I could smell the ones in the middle, but my life was spared due to part of a bee's butt hanging from my snout.

The old lady in the slow car probably saved my life because there was a bad wreck down the road, and if I had been speeding, I could have been part of it.

Finally, the Ora-gel saved me because the girl that I went out with turned out to be real evil (she now worships Satan). So I guess everything works out, no matter how weird.

Ironic, huh?

Editor's Note: Ryan Craig is a junior public relations and history major from Allegre.

Ryan Craig
Commentary



CENTER: Law requires report

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health associate for the center, said she reported these incidents to administrators, but they did nothing.

Mendel said administrators must use judgment before making reports to social services.

"Our responsibility is to make a professionally informed decision with regard to whether or not we suspect child abuse or neglect," she said. "If there's no reason for suspicion, there's no reason for a referral."

Lea made a referral to social services on her own, at which point she said her job description was changed.

"Once a report was made to the Department of Social Services, I was forced out of my position," she said. "They embarrassed me. They humiliated me. They would not let me do anything that I was trained to do in my master's program."

Lea said that is when she

went to Mendel.

"I told her everything ... that was going on," Lea said. "And she did not do anything."

The center's "Parent's Bill of Rights" requires the center to notify a child's parents before filing a report with social services, Bryant said.

Kentucky Revised Statutes 620.030, however, requires any suspected abuse to be reported immediately.

Mendel said the "Parent's Bill of Rights" is only a draft and is not to be regarded as official policy.

She said she has asked for suggestions on changes to the document.

"I have received no concrete anything from anybody on wording that needs to be changed, even though they were invited ... to do that."

"The whole idea behind the Parent's Bill of Rights is to share with parents how important we thought communication between

us and the family was, and we would not go flying off the deep end," she said.

Jodi Strickland, a former member of the Parent Action committee, said she removed her child from the center and reported the matter to social services herself.

"Instead of taking care of a problem situation that affects so very many young lives, the administrators of Western Kentucky University's own child care center would rather cover up the things that have happened and place blame on parents and children who are, in truth, the victims of the situation," Strickland said.

Bryant said she has not removed her children because one of them is disabled, and there are few places that will accept him.

"We're mad," she said. "We're mad because nothing's being done."

MOVIE: Scenes were 'degrading'

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That decision angered Varney sophomore Jamie Williamson.

"It's wrong," he said. "The audience for the movie is not a preschool class. We're not here to watch Barney."

A student movie committee selected the film in December, said Jerry Johnson, night operations manager at DUC Theatre.

"We wanted to increase the revenue that the theater brings in," he said. "They thought that 'Showgirls' would bring in attendance."

Howard Bailey, dean of

Student Life, voted against showing the movie because he said it had no significant value.

"I would guess that there's not a single two-minute span in the movie ... that there's not a nude shot," he said. "It seemed like it was an overkill on nudity."

Bailey said there were several other things that entered into his decision.

He was concerned that the movie was offensive to women.

"I thought there were several scenes in the movie that were degrading to females," he said. "It wasn't just a matter of nudity — it was degrading."

Kevin Conner, a junior from Hendersonville, Tenn., said the administrators draw more attention to the issue by pulling the movie.

"If they showed it, and there wasn't any say-so about it, I don't think there would have been a problem," he said.

According to Madisonville freshman Chris Francis, administrators shouldn't have that right anyway.

"All these people here are adults," he said. "The administration shouldn't dictate what they can and cannot see."



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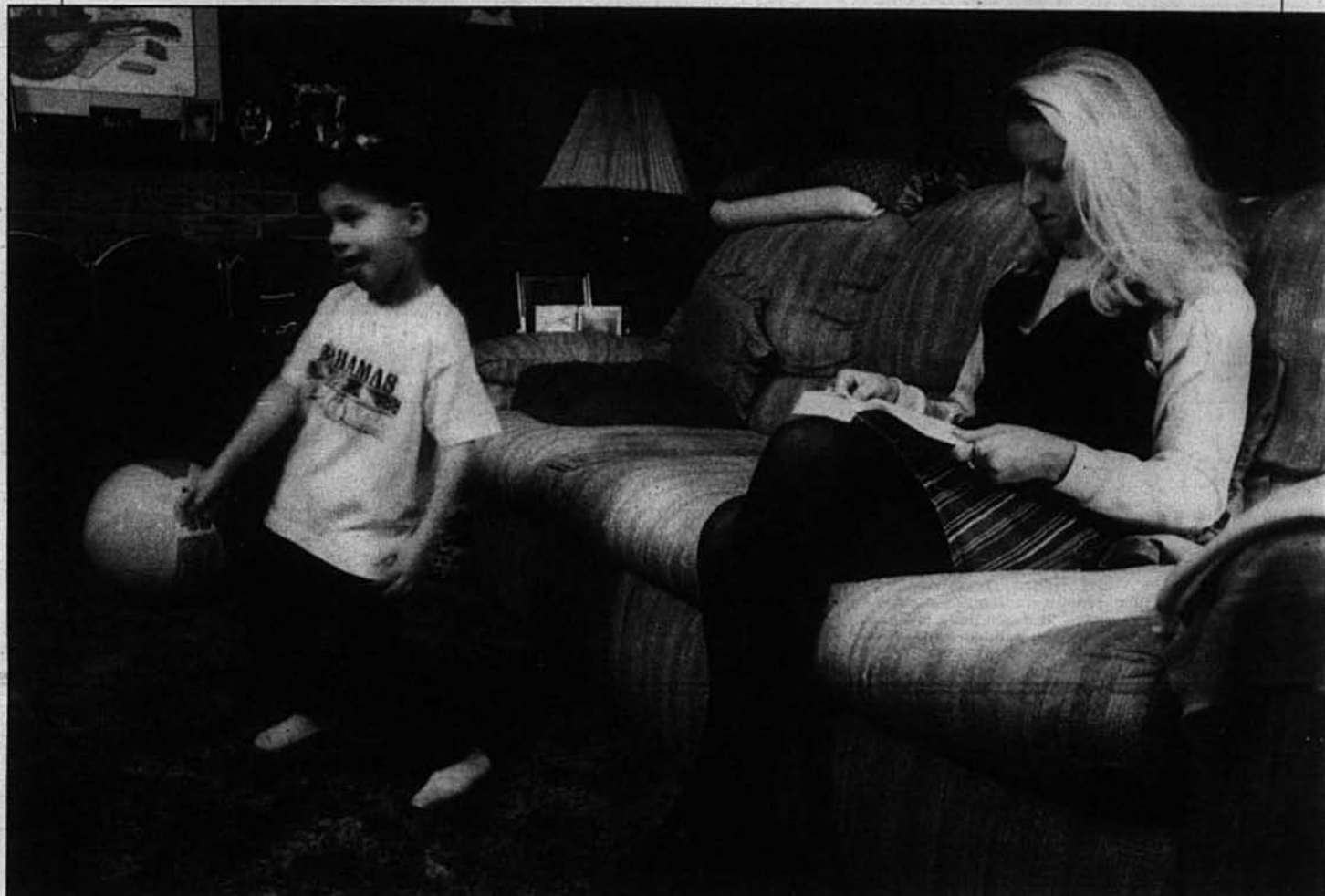
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While discussing a video the group will be making for an education class, Tasha laughs with a classmate.

Juggling act



Bowling Green senior Tasha Childer's son, Taylor, dances to "The Little Mermaid" while she tries to concentrate on some reading for class.



As well as playing the roll of mom, Tasha must also play doctor once in a while. She takes a break from studying to look at a cut on Taylor's finger.



Tasha and Taylor walk through Jones-Jagers Hall on the way to Western's child care center Monday morning. Taylor stays there while Tasha is in class.

Photos by Jason Koski

Fight at fraternity party leads to student's arrest

BY CHARBONNE LA BELLE

Cadiz freshman Corey Alexander was arrested on charges of second-degree assault Friday morning following a fight outside the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity house.

Bowling Green police responded to a 911 call at 12:01 a.m., the police report stated.

Alexander and an unknown man were asked to leave the property outside the AGR house by member Jeffrey Spann, a junior from Hopkinsville, and Henderson senior Heath Thurby, the fraternity's president, according to the police report.

When Alexander and the other man didn't leave, an argument and fight ensued.

Cox's Creek freshman Keeley Mattingly said she saw part of the fight.

"All I saw was two guys with blood running in the house," she said. "And then they told everybody to leave because a bottle had been broken."

Lewisburg freshman Patricia Dauley said she saw part of the altercation.

"I saw the tail end of it and two guys cut up with blood all over them," she said.

The police report stated that Alexander hit Thurby in the

head with a beer glass and then "injured Spann with the broken glass."

Thurby said the injuries were minimal.

"We went to the hospital with minor cuts—that's it," he said.

He refused further comment, as did Spann.

The two were treated and released Friday from the Medical

"I saw the tail end of it and two guys cut up with blood all over them."

— Patricia Dauley
Lewisburg freshman

Center at Bowling Green.

Alexander was released Friday from Warren County Regional Jail on a \$5,000 unsecured bond, jail officials said.

Robert Cron, public information officer for the Bowling Green Police Department, said second-degree assault involves "serious" physical injury with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.

Alexander could face time in the state penitentiary if convicted, Cron said.

"Second-degree assault is a

class C felony, which is five to ten years," he said. "But that doesn't mean that's what he's going to get—he could get probation."

Alexander couldn't be reached for comment.

Cron said the Bowling Green police often respond to calls concerning incidents near Western during the weekends.

"Thursday nights on Western's campus tend to be a party night," he said.

Cron said the police responded to seven calls at the AGR house last semester and two this semester.

"Most of them were for loud music and disturbances," he said.

The AGR's would not comment about Friday morning's incident.

Charles Pride, student activities and organizations coordinator, said those involved could suffer penalties from the university.

"I have no official report yet, but we will continue to investigate," he said.

Although a beer glass was used as a weapon, the police report stated that no alcohol was involved in the incident.

Cron said if there was alcohol at the party, it wasn't significant enough to note.

"I'm assuming if anyone was drinking it was not in excess," he said.

Concert leaves audience in awe

BY JOHN STAMPER

A deep voice boomed from the speakers, "Come follow me into the land of music."

Louisville freshman Kelly Mayfield took the invitation at Friday's Prism concert. She wasn't disappointed.

"The concert went through all the different ranges of music and emotion. It was great," she said. "It made me want to dance."

Presented by Western's music department, the concert was a crowd-pleaser that ended with a standing ovation.

"It was great, especially the percussion," said Sandy Alward, mother of Central City senior Chad Alward.

The percussion section played three feature selections during the concert. The section marched at a furious pace into Van Meter Hall to play their first selection, taking the crowd by surprise.

Only moments after they entered, the nine players were gone. The crowd was left sitting

in awe.

The concept behind a prism concert is to show all the aspects of the musical program in a colorful, unique manner, Director of Bands John Carmichael said.

The concert went very well with more than 500 people attending, he said.

"I thought the percussionists were outstanding," Carmichael said. "The response was very positive. Our goal was to move so quickly from one performance to the next that the audience didn't have time to applaud."

The music was interrupted by applause on several occasions.

"The format of the concert was supposed to keep the music going continuously, but you can't do that with that kind of talent. They deserved applause," said Erin Cable, a freshman from Oscoda, Mich.

The concert started on stage with a grand fanfare, then quickly popped to the top-left balcony where a quartet of saxophones screamed into the silence of the

hall. The audience then gazed to the top-right balcony, back to center stage and to the back of the auditorium.

The action continued for the entire hour of the concert, never allowing the audience to sit back and relax.

The performance went better than expected, Morgantown sophomore Fonsie Guillaran said.

"We only had one dress rehearsal and it didn't go to good," said Guillaran, who plays the saxophone. "The whole prism format was totally new for us."

The concert was presented in conjunction with the annual Honors Band Clinic being held last weekend at Western. Three hundred and fifty high school students were in Bowling Green for the event.

Carmichael said the Prism concert will become an annual event.

"We're going to do it in conjunction with the Honors Band Clinic every year," he said. "It's only going to get better."

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DEAN: Committee 'more optimistic' about candidates

◆ One of three people scheduled to interview met yesterday with university personnel

BY JASON HALL

Western's eight-month search for a College of Business Administration dean may be drawing to a close.

Robert W. Jefferson, business dean at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., came to campus yesterday and has been meeting with students, faculty, and administrators.

Jefferson is the first of three candidates scheduled to be interviewed for the job. The other two are scheduled to be on campus in late February.

Jefferson said he is excited about the position.

"There's a lot of opportunities and challenges that can really move the colleges forward," he said.

Jefferson said he hopes to meet many people on campus, to "get a sense of what Western is."

"There's a lot of different aspects here that are very exciting," he said. "You have to sit down and build upon what has already been accomplished."

Jefferson has been at ISU-Normal since 1989.

Before that, he was business dean at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

He received his doctorate from the University of Iowa and has a master's degree in business education from the

University of Northern Iowa.

Ann Mead, director of Institutional Research, would not release the names of the other two candidates interviewing for the position.

The search committee met two weeks ago and decided to bring the candidates to campus as soon as possible, said Bob Bretz, head of the Finance and Computer Information Systems department.

Accounting Department Head Jack Hall has been serving as interim dean since John Brown left in June.

Hall said he is looking forward to getting a new dean so he can go back to his regular duties.

"I'll just be department head of accounting and teaching a couple of accounting classes," he said.

Committee member Linda Johnson, a finance and computer information systems associate professor, said all three candidates have excellent qualifications.

"We have a very positive process that involves faculty, students and university administrators," she said. "I am very hopeful we will be able to hire a dean this semester and have someone in place next fall."

The committee brought two candidates to campus last fall, but neither was selected.

Bretz said he is more optimistic this time.

"I feel like the candidates we have now are generally superior to the ones we had over the summer," he said.

President Thomas Meredith

said he wants an "entrepreneur" to fill the post.

"I want someone who not only can maintain and enhance the internal quality, but one who can establish new partnerships with the business and corporate world," he said.

Western employed a search firm, TASA International, to assist in the hunt for a new dean.

Donald J. Keefe, managing partner of the TASA office in Louisville, said that his company talked to the search committee to find out what they are looking for as far as skills and education in a candidate.

"We wanted somebody who fits into the community, who understands the school," he said. "I think these are interesting candidates."

Residents start petition in fight to keep janitor

BY BETH FLANAGAN

Larry Woods worked in Rodes-Harlin Hall for three and a half years as a janitor.

During that time he and the students got to know one another, so when the news came that he was going to be moved to West Hall it was like losing a member of the family for some students.

"I've been here two years and we've never had a problem with the work he's done," said Cincinnati junior Ben Ellis, a resident assistant in Rodes. "He's developed a friendship with a lot of the people here, so we were disturbed to hear he was leaving. As far as we know, there is no reason behind the move."

Ellis and Jack Hoban, a junior from Wallington, N.J., started a petition in an effort to try to keep Woods from being moved.

"We put a copy of the petition on all of the male floors, which is where he works," Ellis said. "Some were on the bulletin boards and people signed it as they walked by and the RA's took it around to get signatures."

Ellis said there are about 120 signatures on the petition, which has been sent to Facilities Management and the Housing office.

Facilities Management Director Mark Struss said he has heard rumors about a petition to keep Woods in Rodes but hadn't seen it.

Struss said the students' petition would be taken into consideration.

"This is an issue that has some personnel issues associated with it, and I really don't want to discuss it in the paper," Struss said. "It is simply a situation where we felt it was necessary to make the move. We are trying to manage the work force in the most effective way and we are making reassignments everywhere. It's not at this particular case."

Housing Director Kit Tolbert was not available for comment.

Allayne Emmanuel, a sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y., said he signed the petition because he likes Woods.

"Larry walks through the

door every morning at 7 o'clock. He's always on time," Emmanuel said. "If the bathroom is dirty at 7, it will be clean by 7:30 or 8 o'clock. He talks to the kids here and gets to know them."

Woods said he was surprised to find out the students think so much of him.

"I think it's great. I really like the students here. I get along with them and they're pretty good about cleaning up after themselves," he said. "Every once in a while I run into a problem but that's just part of the job."

Leitchfield junior Aaron Witten said Woods is just one of

the guys. "It doesn't matter what time of day you see him he's always willing to talk," Witten said. "All you have to do is ask him how he's

"I'll miss the kids here."

— Larry Woods
Rodes-Harlin
janitor

doing and he'll stand there and talk to you about football or what he's going to do this weekend.

"You can talk to him about anything. I've heard some of the guys here say they've talked to him about personal problems. Besides that, he's just funny. He'll joke around with you."

Ellis said, sometimes Woods looks out for the residents.

Witten agreed.

"He's more than a janitor. He's like a father figure," he said. "He has taught us respect."

Witten thinks the petition has a chance of being recognized if it is taken through the proper channels.

"I hope they don't move Larry," he said. "If he is moved we will miss him severely and whoever gets him will be lucky."

Ellis says he hopes the petition works.

"There is a new janitor coming in here. We just wondered why they couldn't put that person in West and leave Larry here," Ellis said. "We want them to realize that it isn't good to take somebody out of a job where they have developed a relationship with the job and the people there."

Woods said he hasn't heard anything about whether or not the petition will help.

"I don't like it that they moved me out of an air-conditioned dorm and into a hot one," Woods said. "I'll miss the kids here."

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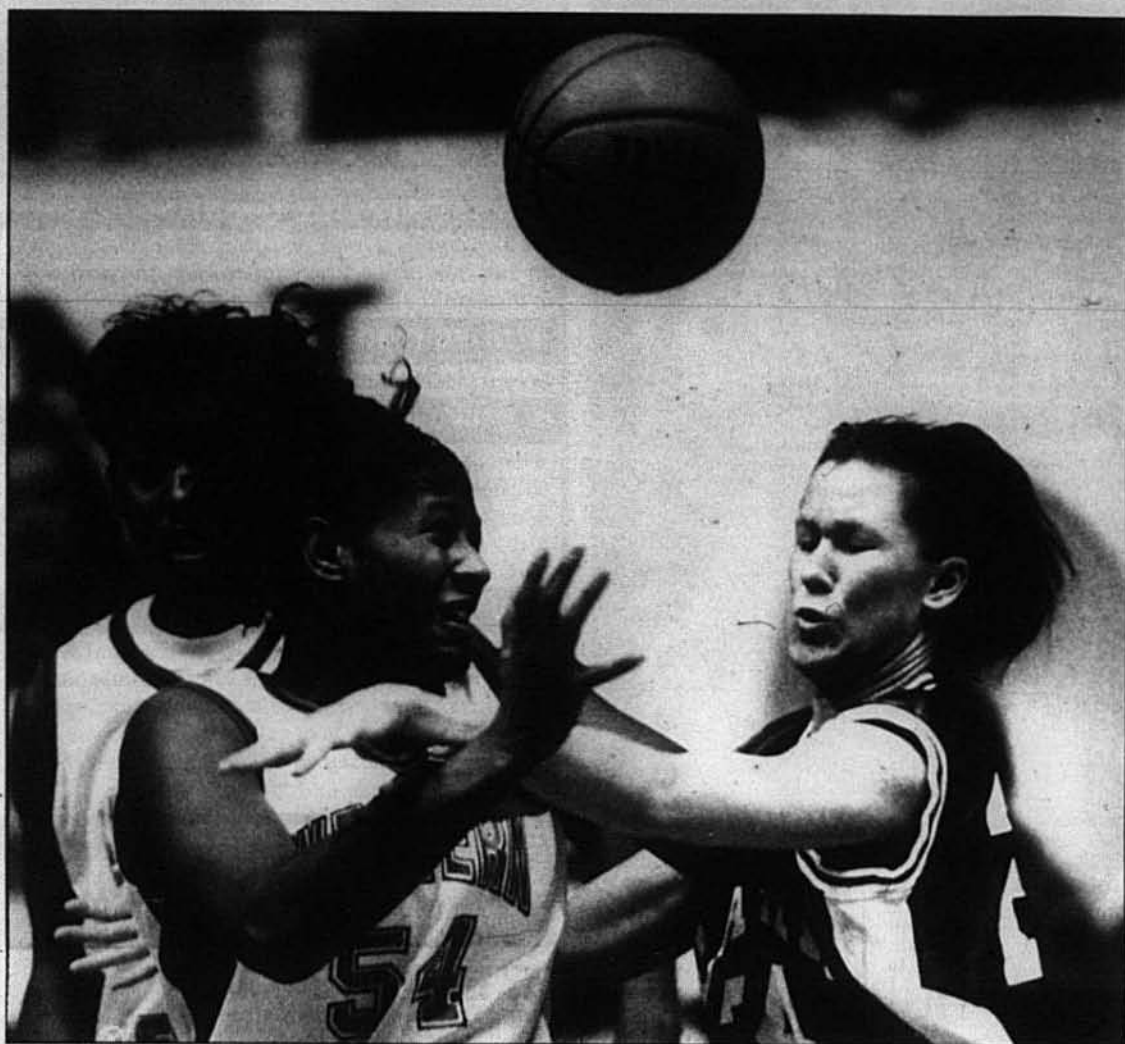
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Sports



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In the first half of play Saturday night in Diddle Arena, junior forward Tarshia Bronner battles for a rebound with Lamar's sophomore guards Lara Webb, right, and Mary Ann Jones.

Lady Tops cage Cards, 99-54

BY STEPHEN LEGA

Coaches search the four corners of the earth to assemble a basketball team to face the Lady Toppers.

And sometimes even when they do, they lose 99-54.

Lamar's roster features players from Scotland, Australia, Germany and Ireland, and all saw minutes for the Lady Cardinals (6-10, 2-4 in the Sun Belt Conference).

The game was also a return home for the Lady Toppers (8-7, 3-0) who hadn't played in Diddle Arena since Dec. 17

against Northern Illinois.

After the game, Western coach Paul Sanderford had one request.

"I want everybody to go to church and thank the good Lord that we're over .500," he said.

Six different Lady Toppers scored in double figures.

Senior guard Dawn Warner led the Western attack with her second consecutive double-double. Warner had 20 points and career-highs in rebounds (13) and three-pointers (four).

She also dished out seven assists, a season-high, to pass

former Lady Topper Kim Pehlke (1988-92).

Pehlke had 374 assists in her career. Warner has 379.

Warner said she couldn't have done it alone.

"I can't accomplish any individual goals without my teammates," Warner said.

The pass that moved Warner into fourth place all-time for Western occurred one minute into the second half. Warner found an open Townsend, who hit one of her career-high four three-pointers.

"We're really looking up to Dawn right now," Townsend

said. "She's been a great leader on the floor."

Although Warner was moved to shooting guard earlier in the season, she hasn't forgotten how to play her old position.

The senior plays with a point guard's mentality, driving to the basket, then putting the ball in her teammates' hands, Sanderford said.

The 45-point margin of victory was the largest the Lady Toppers posted this season.

Lamar coach David McKay

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Williams does job for team

BY AARON SANDERFORD

Western recruited Rob Williams to do a job, and Sunday against Arkansas-Little Rock he did it — and much more.

"My job is to run this team, play good defense and get the ball to the open man," Williams said. "If they leave me open I'm going to shoot it, but that's not my job."

The freshman from Johnson City, Tenn., ignited an 11-1 spurt with a three-pointer and a reverse lay-up that helped the Hilltoppers (7-8, 4-3 in the Sun Belt Conference) whip the Trojans 83-65 in front of 7,600 fans in Diddle Arena.

The 5-10 guard bested his season average of 3.1 points per game in the first three minutes and finished with a career-high 23 points.

"Mike's (Fralix) been hot the last couple of games, so coach told me to look for my shot if they left me open, and they left me open," said Williams, who has made 10 of his last 13 three-pointers at Diddle Arena.

Coach Matt Kilcullen said the freshmen found the scoring touch they lost on the road.

"I told them they went from the penthouse to the outhouse Thursday night, because they were 0-for-lifetime at Pan American," he said. "They got back into their gym, and Rob Williams, I think that's the best game I've seen the kid play."

Western led Arkansas-Little Rock 19-11 when forward/guard Chris Robinson picked up his third foul with 9:17 left in the first half.

With Robinson on the sidelines, the Trojans defense keyed on Sun Belt Player-of-the-Week, senior guard Michael Fralix. Guard Malik Dixon, one of the conference's premier defenders, held Fralix without a field goal in the first half. Fralix finished with 12 points on four of eight shooting.

Trojan guards Derek Fisher, Marcus Wesley and Dixon began warming up outside, hitting their last five three-point shots to bring Arkansas-Little Rock (10-4, 3-3 in the conference) to within two at the break.

But almost as quickly as whippers of the 17-point collapse in Little Rock could be heard, the Hilltoppers put the game away with a 26-8 run to start the second

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Teams looking for zone defense against Toppers

There's a zone athletes talk of.

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Western's entire men's basketball team is in that zone right now.

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Two points, that's all.

Seems like a small sum, but it just might have turned Western's season around.

The 87-85 home loss to Jacksonville was a wake-up call for

the Hilltoppers.

Following the defeat, Western coach Matt Kilcullen, angered by the lack of on-court effort, called for more heart and dedication.

It was as simple as diving after loose balls on the floor.

His players made a conscious effort to win again, like Western has traditionally done.

Practice has become war, freshman guard Joe Harney said. But Kilcullen's gut-check has helped his players.

Heading into Sunday's game against Arkansas-Little Rock with a two-game winning streak, Western didn't plan to cut short its visit to the zone.

Yes, Little Rock, the same team that completed a 25-point

turnaround 15 days earlier to defeat the Hilltoppers 84-76 in the Barton Coliseum.

Kevin Kelly

Commentary



But Sunday was different. Things were out of the ordinary. Was the moon aligned with the sun?

The zone made its way to Diddle Arena for Sunday's game, following Western's 68-50 win over Texas Pan-American on Jan. 18. It must have caught a flight into Nashville and hopped a bus to Bowling Green.

It electrified everyone, including the 7,600 fans in attendance. Winning was the only option.

"It was probably the best atmosphere I've been in, in college," freshman guard Rob Williams said of Sunday's game. "When I get tired and I hear the crowd start cheering, it puts some energy back in me."

The Hilltoppers (7-8, 4-3 in the Sun Belt Conference) played a near-flawless game and the fans

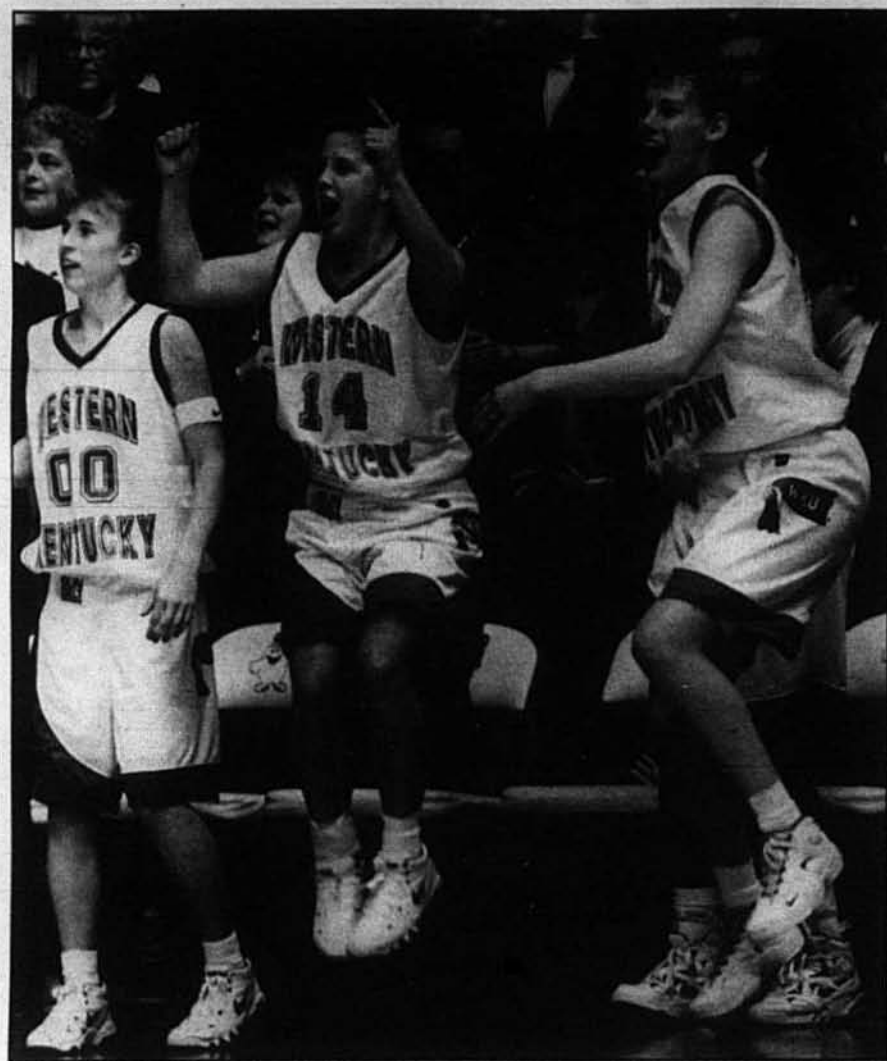
responded by rising to their feet numerous times.

A little girl in her red and white Western cheerleader outfit bounced up and down as the Hilltoppers made their way onto the floor. A little boy proudly donned a replica jersey of his favorite player, senior guard Michael Fralix.

Everyone wanted a taste of this zone, if just for a single minute. And they got that taste.

It was sweet, like the sound of Williams swishing a three-point shot from the top of the key, accounting for part of his career-high 23 points.

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Kurt Fattic/Herald

In the final seconds of the Lady Topper's game with Lamar, senior guard Dawn Warner, sophomore guard Laurie Townsend and freshman forward Shea Lunsford celebrate their 99-54 victory.

CARDS: 'We never held our own'

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said his team did a poor job of handling Western's pressure defense.

"We never held our own," he said. "It was a helter-skelter type of thing."

Lamar made 17 of 65 field goal attempts for the game for 26.2 percent.

Lamar's night is best illustrated by the performance of sophomore guard Lara Webb.

Webb entered the game averaging 25.7 points. Against Western, she scored just four points, making two of her 15

shots.

Western made a season-high 58.5 percent from the field, including 61.9 from three-point range.

The Lady Toppers also posted season-highs in made field goals (38), three-pointers (13), assists (20) and points (99).

Western fell short of 100, but it wasn't for a lack of trying.

Several Lady Toppers encouraged their teammates to foul Lamar to get the ball back.

"Stacie Gamble started a little chant and then I got into it," Warner said. "I guess it wasn't meant to be."

If Western had reached the century, the fans would have received more than just free chili dogs from Rally's, Townsend said.

"We were going to do a little dance."

South Alabama next

Western will host South Alabama (7-7, 2-2) tomorrow at 8 p.m.

The Lady Jaguars are led by senior forward Phyllis Kelly (24.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game) and sophomore forward Tamara Carter (15.6 points and 9.9 rebounds).

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half. As a result of Western's defensive plan to use the forwards to stop the penetration of Fisher and Dixon, the duo scored just two points in that 10-minute stretch.

Forward Muntrellé Dobbins, who burned the Toppers for 28 in the teams' previous meeting, was held to a season-low eight points.

"We were trapping down a lot

... giving them a lot of different looks by sending different people to the ball when they kicked it in to them," said junior forward Tony Lovan, who had a

career-high five assists. "We were denying him the ball in our press so he wouldn't get a full head of steam, and we were trying to wear him down and make him play tired."

Senior forward Pop Thornton, who came off the bench to score 11 points, drew praise from Kilcullen.

"I thought Pop did a much better job on both ends of the floor," he said.

The inside presence of Thornton, who lost his starting role when he was suspended for one game, helped the Toppers hit 11 of 24 three-pointers and out-rebound the Trojans 37-33.

The Hilltoppers have hit 31 of 67 threes in the last three games.

"Right now it is more important for me to be a threat, because I know that I'm the best post player in this conference, and I know that a lot of teams are going to double-team me, because they know I can score in the post," Thornton said. "My job is when they double team for me to kick, and when I got a man one-on-one, then score."

Thornton said the team has been concentrating more during the current three-game winning streak.

"At the beginning of the sea-

son, everybody was thinking and wondering if it was going to go in or not, and I think everybody's just playing ball now and having fun knowing that if it falls, it falls and if it doesn't, it doesn't," Thornton said.

Arkansas-Little Rock coach Wimp Sanderson said he was to blame for the Trojan loss and that their 32 percent second-half shooting didn't help. Western shot 46 percent in the second

half and nearly 48 percent for the game.

"I've coached a long time, coached a lot of different teams, had a lot of different players,

and done a lot of different things with my teams, but I don't think I've quite ever struggled with a team shooting the basketball the way this one does," Sanderson said. "I know the problem, I just don't know how to fix it."

Robinson's woes continued as foul trouble limited him to just 23 minutes. He finished with 11 points.

"It's no different than when Michael Frallex was in a slump early in the year and Chris Robinson was doing a great job carrying the basketball club," Kilcullen said. "When those two kids get it going at the same time, it will make us that much better a basketball club."

After starting the conference season at 1-3, the Hilltoppers have rattled off three straight wins and are in a three-way tie for third, just two losses behind first-place Jacksonville.

"After we lost to Tulsa last year, we just put in our mind that we weren't going to lose to anybody else, and this year we lost eight games and have our backs against the wall, so we set a goal that we weren't going to lose any more games this year," Thornton said.

"We ain't losing no more."

"We ain't losing no more."

— Pop Thornton
men's basketball player



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Freshman guard Rob Williams scrambles for the ball with Arkansas-Little Rock players Sunday.

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Hilltopper swimmer Mike Liggett, a junior from Crown Point, Ind., takes a breather after doing drills Wednesday afternoon at the Preston Health and Activities Center. The swim team was preparing for a meet at Wright State, which Western won 122-118.

Swim team nips Wright State

BY MIKE FINCH

Coming off their first loss of the season at Ohio, Western squeaked past Wright State on Saturday by the slimmest of margins, winning 122-118.

The meet came down to the last event, Coach Bill Powell said.

"We went into the relay down by five points," Powell said. "(Scott) Cummins went into the pool and finished the first leg ahead by two one-hundredths of a second. (Michael) Liggett and (Sean) O'Shea swam stroke for stroke with their opponents.

"It came down to one of the true Western clutch performances by Adam Heeg to win this meet."

Heeg, a sophomore, finished .011 seconds ahead to win the meet for Western. The Hilltoppers pushed their record to 8-1.

"This was a tremendous

meet," junior Scott Cummins said. "I really think Wright State was ready for us. We've really developed a good rivalry with them."

The Hilltoppers were paced by Cummins' two first-place finishes in 200-meter freestyle and butterfly events.

"It was a meet where no one could slack off and have someone else cover for them. We proved how well we work as a team."

— Doug Evans, swimmer

Senior Sean Porter finished first in the 100-meter freestyle. Freshman Rich Fowble finished first in the one-meter diving event.

"I'm so glad to see us pull

together like this," Cummins said. "This was a big step for us to become a better team."

Second place finishes by junior Sean O'Shea and junior Andrew McCallum helped keep Western in the meet.

"It was a good meet that really brought the team together," senior Doug Evans said. "Everybody had to do their part, that's how close it was."

"It was a meet where no one could slack off and have someone else cover for them. We proved how well we work as a team."

Powell said it was hard to defend against a very versatile Raiders squad.

The Hilltoppers' depth gave Western the edge, Powell said.

"This was the best meet and win I've ever been a part of," senior Evan Welting said. "Words just can't describe it."

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Nothing could go wrong that day.

"We had to send a message out across the conference that we're still Western Kentucky and we're going to be good," Williams said. "It was probably the biggest win of the season."

The 83-65 win allows the Hilltoppers additional time in the zone until Saturday's game against Louisiana Tech.

Can Western continue its unconscious ride? Maybe, but only time will tell.

The one drawback to being in a zone is you never know when you might fall out of it. The fall is often hard and unforgiving.

"We're not afraid to lose. We never thought we were going to," Fralix said. "We had confidence and we went out and executed our game plan and it worked out fine. I think today we sent a message saying, 'You're here. We're here. Let's play.'"

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Alliwell only winner as track teams open

As the Hilltopper basketball team was busy on the basketball court with Little-Rock, the Western track and field teams were busy with a different opponent from Arkansas.

The men's team finished fifth of seven teams at the Arkansas State Invitational last Saturday, and the women finished seventh of eight.

Alabama won the men's meet with a score of 120.5. Arkansas State (110.5) and Mississippi (85) rounded out the top three.

Junior Nick Alliwell grabbed Western's only first-place finish in the meet. He won the 3,000-meter run in 8 minutes, 28.65 seconds.

Alliwell's is no stranger to success. He finished 64th of 177 cross country runners last semester at the NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa. It was his second trip to the national championships in as many years.

Freshmen Erik Jenkins (23 feet 7.5 inches) and Derrick White (23-1.5) finished third and fourth, respectively, in the long jump.

On the women's side, Northeast Louisiana won the meet with a score of 97.75, followed by a tie between Alabama and Arkansas Little-Rock, which both scored 89 points.

Western will send split squads to the Middle Tennessee State Invitational and the US Air Invitational at East Tennessee State this weekend.

Men's tennis team loses to Wildcats 4-3

Western's men's tennis team lost its first match of the year last Sunday in Lexington, 4-3 to 21st-ranked Kentucky.

Freshman Beau Sparks, the team's No. 1 seed, lost to Kentucky junior Ludde Sundin 6-4, 6-4. The doubles team of seniors Dan Barnes and Alex Lykos defeated Wildcat freshmen Keith Mauriello and Brad Jackson 8-3.

Western will play a triple-header Saturday at Eastern Kentucky against Wright State at noon, Morehead State at 5 p.m. and Eastern at 8:30 p.m.

Paul quits volleyball to focus on academics

Western volleyball player Kristi Paul has left the team for academic reasons.

The freshman outside hitter is a pre-physical therapy major and played in 22 matches this season for the Hilltoppers.

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Large 1 Topping

\$6.99
plus tax

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**1 Small
1 Topping &
Cheesesticks**

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1 Topping &
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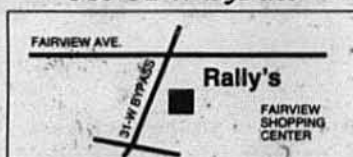
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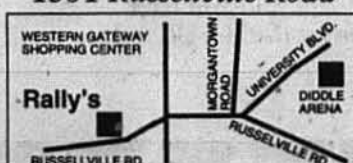


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Bowling Green:**

640 31-W Bypass



1901 Russellville Road



**79¢
Cheddar
Burger!**

Limited Time Only

**\$1.79 Combo
Meal**



Rallyburger made from 100% Pure Beef, fully dressed including tomato. Served with a regular order of one-of-a-kind fries and a 16 oz. drink. Tax & cheese extra. No Limit.

TWICE AS GOOD! TWICE AS FAST!

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**\$2.49 Bacon
Cheeseburger
Combo**



Rally's Cheeseburger made with 100% Pure Beef, served with 2 slices of bacon, fully dressed including tomato, regular order of one-of-a-kind fries and 16 oz. drink. Tax extra. No Limit.

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**\$2.59 Big
Buford
Combo**



Rally's 1/3 lb. double cheeseburger, fully dressed including tomato. Served with a regular order of one-of-a-kind fries and a 16 oz. drink. Tax extra. No Limit.

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